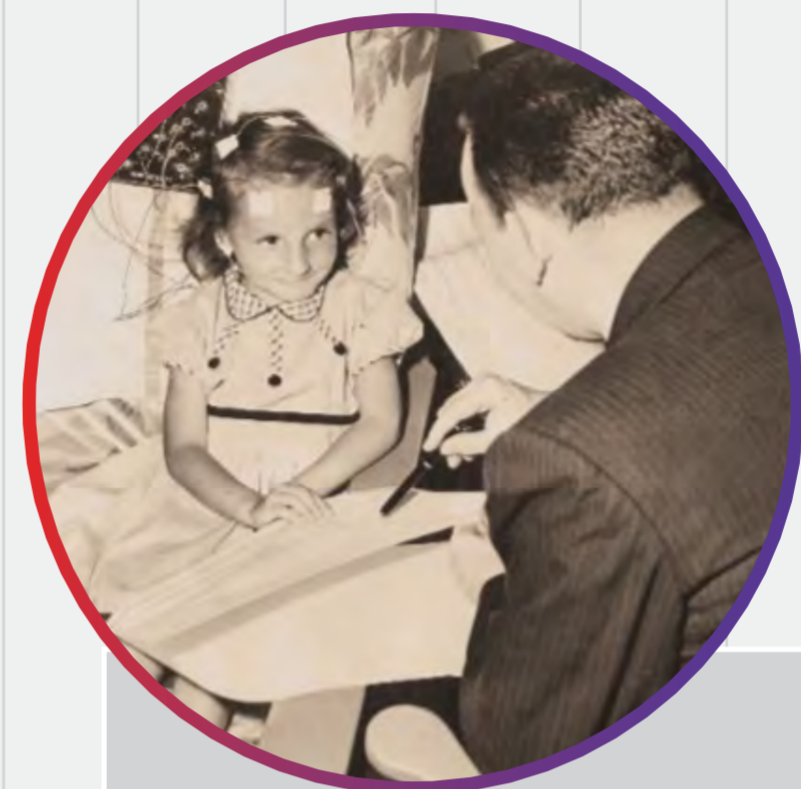


Epilepsy



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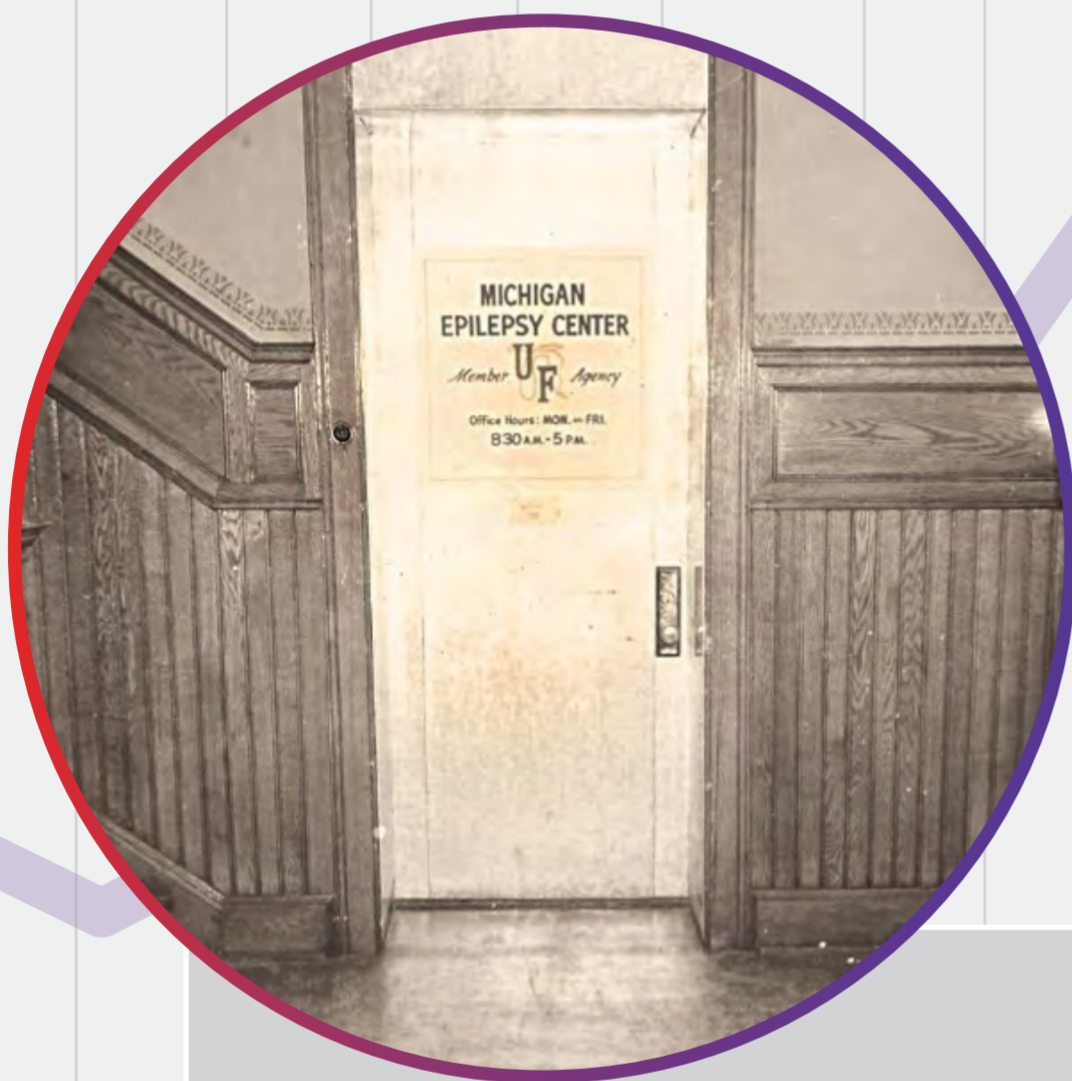
Dilantin is approved by the FDA. Parke Davis, a Detroit company, which had acquired the compound in 1908, produced and marketed it.



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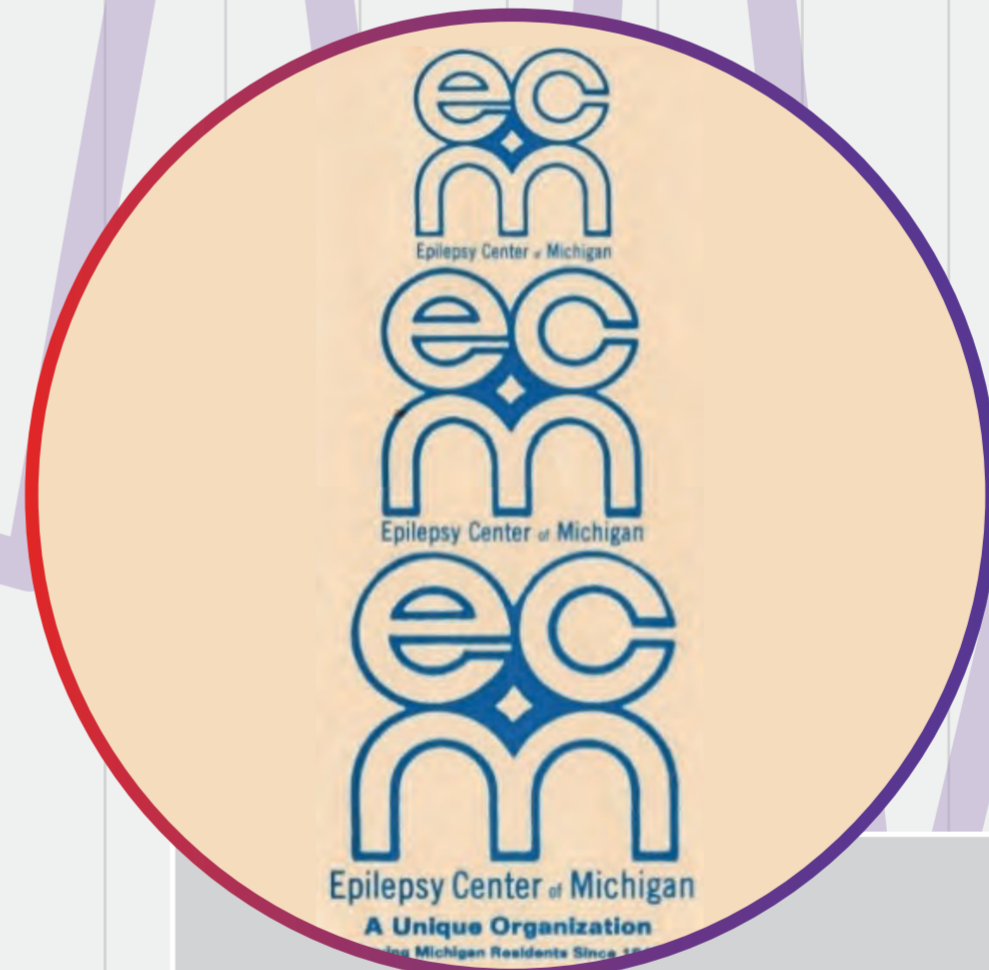
1973

The Epilepsy Center of Michigan develops a clinical chemistry laboratory, making it a pioneer in the field of anticonvulsant determinations.



1948

A group of representatives from the fields of medicine, education and public health incorporate the organization. The Epileptic Clinic opens in Detroit. The organization's name soon changes to the Michigan Epilepsy Center.



1971

The organization's name changes again to the Epilepsy Center of Michigan.



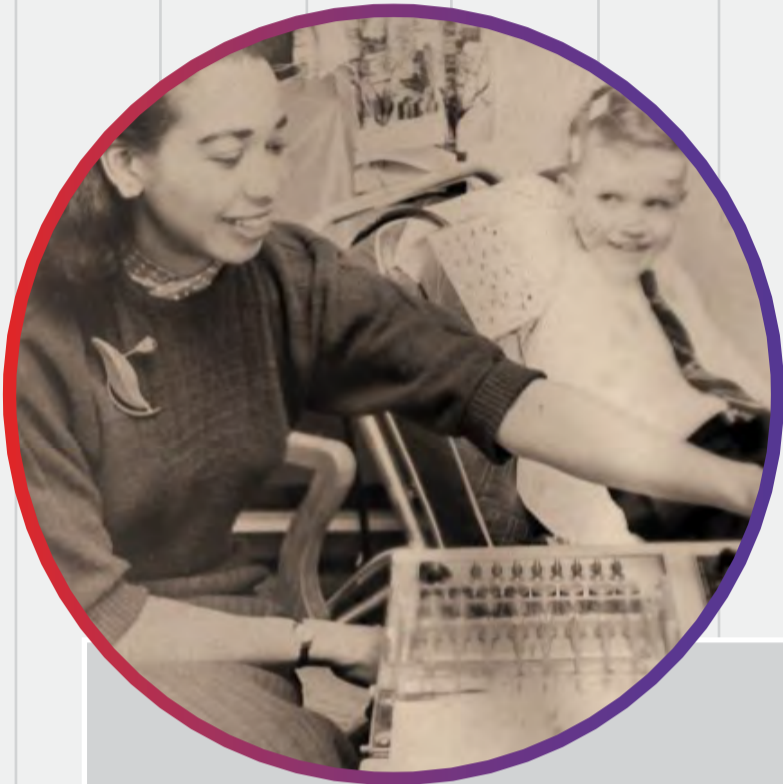
1951

The Michigan Epilepsy Center provides the only mobile electroencephalographic (EEG) laboratory in the United States.

1958

The Michigan Epilepsy Center changes its name to the Michigan Epilepsy Center and Association (MEC-A) following a merger with the Michigan Association for Epilepsy.

Foundation



1975

The Epilepsy Center of Michigan receives a grant from the State of Michigan Developmental Disabilities Planning Council that enables the Foundation to open a Pediatric Seizure Clinic.



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50 years!*

1998

The Epilepsy Center of Michigan changes its name to the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan and adopts a three-branched flame as the new logo.



The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan hosts the 1st Annual Legislative Recognition Breakfast in Lansing, Michigan.

1982

The deinstitutionalization of patients into group homes leads to the establishment of the Consultation and Evaluation Program at the Epilepsy Center of Michigan.

1991

The Epilepsy Center of Michigan becomes an affiliate of the Epilepsy Foundation of America, a national epilepsy organization in Landover, Maryland.

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1996

The Epilepsy Center of Michigan wins Best-Managed Nonprofit by Crain's Detroit Business for agencies with budgets less than \$3 million.



1992

The Epilepsy Center of Michigan holds the first Summer Stroll for Epilepsy in June at Addison Oaks Park in Oakland County. In true Michigan fashion, IT SNOWED!

1994

Henry Ford Health System reaches an agreement with the Epilepsy Center of Michigan acquiring the diagnostic and medical treatment functions of the Center. The Center continues to provide nursing services, psychosocial services, and individual & family support programs.

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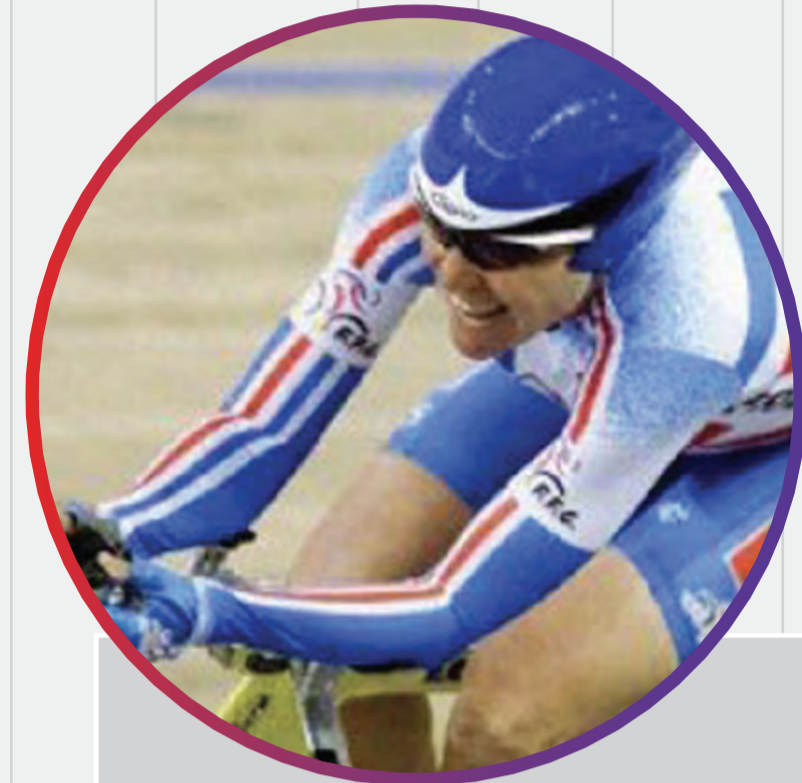


The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan adds mobility services with the acquisition of programs and assets from the Kenny Foundation, a nonprofit organization assisting individuals with physical disabilities.



2000

The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan opens a second office in Grand Rapids, Michigan.



2011

The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan hosts Marion Clignet, Olympic Cyclist from France, as the Keynote Speaker at the Wellness & Epilepsy Conference.

2001

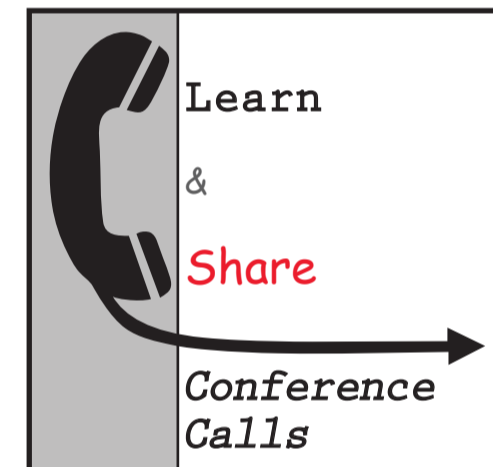
The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan hosts the conference, Battling Myth and Stigmas: Epilepsy in the Arab American Community.



2004

The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan hosts its own camp for children with epilepsy, Camp Discovery.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan is instrumental in securing the passage of legislation exempting epilepsy medications from the pre-authorization process with Medicaid.



2009

The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan introduces the Learn & Share Conference Call Series, a new program that allows people with epilepsy and family members to connect with others and learn more about epilepsy through toll-free, monthly conference calls. This program provides an excellent alternative for those who cannot participate in support groups because of geographic or transportation barriers.

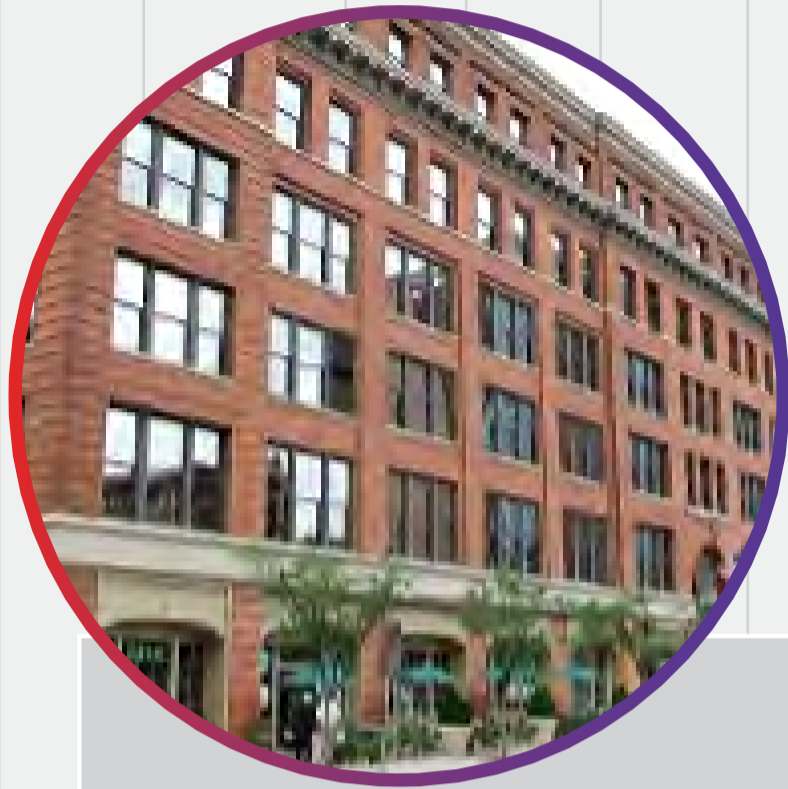
2007-08

The Foundation contracts with MPHI to conduct statewide strategic planning process for Michigan involving all stakeholders. The final report, Closing the Gap: An Epilepsy Strategic Plan for Michigan, is released in 2008.

EPILEPSY, AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS AND BEHAVIOR
Sponsored by
Autism Society of Michigan & Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan

2005

The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan partners with the Autism Society to sponsor the conference Epilepsy, Autism Spectrum Disorders and Behavior.



2012

The Foundation moves the Grand Rapids office to the Waters Building located in the heart of Grand Rapids.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan provides a Kids Conference Day Camp at the Wellness & Epilepsy Conference.



2018

On June 25, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Epidiolex (cannabidiol) {CBD} oral solution for the treatment of seizures associated with two rare and severe forms of epilepsy, Lennox-Gastaut syndrome and Dravet syndrome, in patients two years of age and older. This was later rescheduled by the DEA on September 27, 2018.

The Call & Connect Network was created.

The Foundation partnered with North Star Reach for Camp Discovery. At the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, we know that providing camp to children and teens with epilepsy has the power to change their lives!

Summer Stroll for Epilepsy™

celebrating 65 years!

2013

The Summer Stroll for Epilepsy™, a statewide event with four locations, breaks records with more than 2,000 participants raising over \$184,000!



Camp Discovery celebrates 10 years with over 650 campers benefiting from the life-changing experience provided.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan hosts the 15th Annual Legislative Recognition Breakfast in Lansing, Michigan.



2017

The first Back to School conference, an educational opportunity that focused on readying students with epilepsy for a successful school year, was held.

Challenge of the Year initiative was launched. Each year, the Foundation works to move the needle just a little on an epilepsy-related problem or issue.

2016

After 27 years as President of the Foundation, Arlene Gorelick retired and Brianna Romines succeeded her as President.



The first Lansing Stroll for Epilepsy™ event was held at Potter Park.

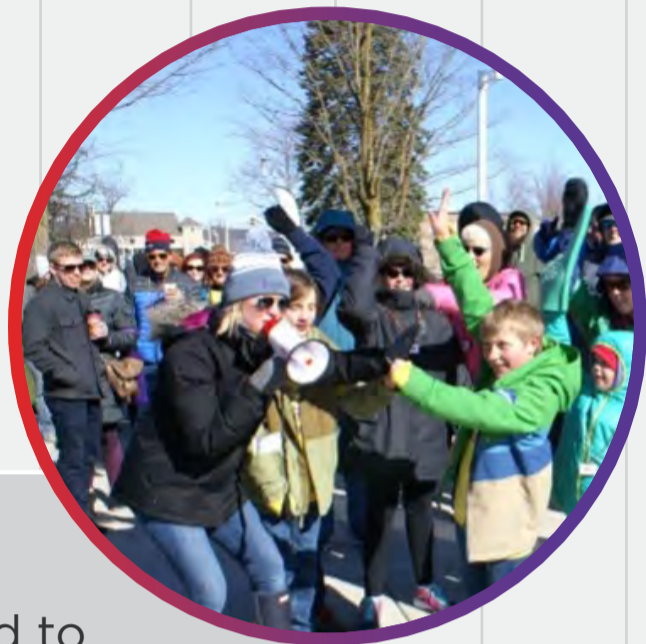


House Bill (HB) 4210 was signed by the Governor amending the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act to allow the legal use of marijuana-infused products for medical purposes.

We are here for you!

2018

The Stroll for Epilepsy™ expanded to include Traverse City as the fifth location for the annual event.



The Epilepsy Innovation Conference was created to focus on the latest advances and the changes that are on the horizon in the field of epilepsy.

2021

While the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan has been offering seizure first-aid training for many years, the national Epilepsy Foundation launched the Epilepsy Learning Portal in 2021, making seizure first-aid training available at any time.



Developed by our team, the Epilepsy Self-Management, Advocacy, & Resilience for Teens (E-SMART) program was launched.

The Governor of Michigan officially declared November Epilepsy Awareness Month in Michigan.



The iconic Grand Rapids Blue Bridge turned purple to honor Epilepsy Awareness Month! This has since become an annual tradition.



2019

The Big Brain was purchased! The Big Brain made its first tour at the Longmeadow Elementary School in Rochester and has been to numerous schools and festivals since then, educating the community about seizure first aid and getting people excited about taking good care of their brains!



The Foundation was awarded exclusive awareness opportunities and large financial gifts from Michigan's Fraternal Order of Eagles and East Grand Rapids School District's Hearts of Gold Campaign, which combined totaled almost \$300,000!



Together with the SUDEP Institute the Foundation has facilitated a specific form within the Michigan State Medical Examiner Database entitled, MDI Log, that will now allow us to capture data on seizure-related deaths in Michigan.

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2022

Michigan's Medicaid Open Access legislation, Senate Bill 412 was signed into law. Patients on Michigan Medicaid who are being treated with epilepsy medications will never be subject to step-therapy or prior authorization processes.



Michigan's Health Can't Wait Senate Bill (SB) 247 passed and has become Public Act 60 of 2022.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan launched a new ADA compliant website, featuring great resources, social engagement and vital information.

2023



After 75 years, the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan still continues to fight and advocate for those with epilepsy with the same commitment and passion that characterized our founders.

